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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Robert B. Beatty
Kazushige SAKURAI, et al.	)	
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CARTRIDGE, IMAGE FORMING	:	
SYSTEM AND STORAGE MEDIUM	)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be further amended as follows: